

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2005. Applicants thank the Examiner for the August 1, 2005 telephone interview with the undersigned. In that interview it was agreed that the draft amendment to claim 14 faxed to the examiner on July 25, 2005 overcame the rejection based on Cathey *et al.* The above amendment to claim 14 is identical to the draft amendment faxed to the examiner.

Cathey *et al.* discloses a faceplate 60 and a baseplate 20 that are bonded together to form a field emission display. The display includes facing contacts formed on the baseplate and faceplate that connect the two when they are bonded together.

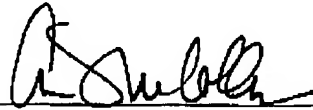
Claim 14, on the other hand, is directed to a viewing device having a front panel surface and a rear panel surface. The rear panel surface is opposed to and facing away from the front panel surface and includes a matrix of interconnects that are structured to connect a component to the rear panel surface in a central zone thereof. These features are not disclosed or suggested in Cathey *et al.*

As discussed in the interview, limitations similar to those added claim 14 as amended above have also been added to the other two independent claims, claims 1 and 18. Because claims 1 and 18 are now also distinguishable from Cathey *et al.*, they are also allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-24 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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